

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 13 are pending in this case. Claims 1 to 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,771,954 to Yoneyama et al. By this Response, applicant respectfully traverses the above rejection and requests reconsideration of the subject patent application in view of the following remarks.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 1 - 13 have been rejected under §102(e) over Yoneyama. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 requires *"a timer for measuring a time period from a time instant of receiving the call," "a memory for storing a predetermined message and a predetermined time period both of which correspond to a predetermined telephone number,"* and that *"the wireless telephone device displays the message on the display device when the wireless telephone device receives a call from the predetermined telephone number and then the call is cut off within the predetermined time period."* Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office Action that Yoneyama disclose the above features in independent claim 1.

Yoneyama discloses a method of remotely switching an operation mode of a portable wireless communication terminal via a wireless network. For example, Yoneyama disclose *"a counter j"* for counting the number of subsequent terminations, each of which increments the counter value by one (see col. 3, ll. 46-48). The cited portions of Yoneyama does not discloses that the counter j measures the time period of each incoming call, as is required in independent claim 1.

Moreover, the memory unit in Yoneyama stores messages or phone numbers (see col. 5, ll. 6-7), but not a predetermined time period as is required in independent claim 1. Nor do the cited portions of Yoneyama disclose that both the predetermined message and the predetermined time period correspond to a predetermined telephone number as is required in independent claim 1.

In column 5, lines 48-64, Yoneyama disclose inputting information or message in a cellular phone to be stored for later use. Such cited portions of Yoneyama do not disclose displaying *"the message on the display device when the wireless*

telephone device receives a call from the predetermined telephone number" or cutting off the call within the predetermined time period, as is required in independent claim

1. Because Yoneyama does not disclose at least the above features as required in independent claim 1, independent claim 1 patentably distinguishes over Yoneyama.


Independent claim 8 requires "*storing ... a predetermined time period,*" "*measuring a time period from receiving the call to cutting off the call*" and "*displaying the predetermined message on a display device of the wireless telephone device when the measured time period agrees with the predetermined time period.*" Similar to the above remarks, the Office Action does not show that Yoneyama discloses, and Yoneyama is silent with respect to, the above features recited in independent claim 8. Therefore, independent claim 8 patentably distinguishes over Yoneyama.

In view of the forgoing, independent claims 1 and 8 are believed to be allowable. Claims 2 - 7 and 9 - 13 depend from independent claim 1 or 8 and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons claims 1 and 8 are allowable. Accordingly, the subject rejection has been overcome.

Applicant has shown that all pending claims 1 to 13 are allowable over the cited art and hereby respectfully requests that the rejection of the pending claims be withdrawn. Each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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